

Right Guide

This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to **RIGHT GUIDE**, 1380 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.

LOOK! BEFORE YOU LEAP. Of the more than 40,000 loans made by the Loan Guaranty Office of the Veterans Administration in the Los Angeles Regional area, the majority by far went for the purchase or construction of homes.

To a good many Southern California veterans who are taking advantage of the G. I. Bill to buy or build, this is the first home they have owned. It means a lot to them, just as it does to thousands of other veterans of this area who are planning a G. I. loan for the same purpose. A home is a "man's castle," it's something of which he is proud and it's something that he does not buy very often during a lifetime. Therefore, the V A cautions all prospective home buyers to plan their real estate ventures thoroughly and carefully before applying to a lending institution for a G. I. Loan. The V A does not want to see a veteran "stung" especially when it comes to his future happiness and his home.

TAKE YOUR TIME. Veterans should bear in mind that they have ten years from the official end of the war in which to take advantage of this benefit. They are cautioned by V A not to rush blindly into any real estate transaction... that's never good business. Know the construction details of the house; familiarize yourself with all details of the property; be acquainted with its good features and with its bad features. Ask questions of the lender. Remember, a safe transaction can stand a lot of questioning where a poor one cannot.

DO NOT negotiate or enter into a contract requiring payment of deposits prior to applying for a G. I. Loan, UNLESS THE CONTRACT PROVIDES THAT YOU WILL NOT LOSE YOUR MONEY IF THE LOAN IS NOT APPROVED. DO NOT make "under-the-table" deals. After you have lo-

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Botulism Cause Is Explained By Health Officer

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Botulism is caused by a toxin from a rod-shaped, spore-forming germ common in garden soil. If products grown in such soil are properly canned, that is, by the pressure method and according to the manufacturer's directions, the germs will be destroyed. It is when air is excluded from food containing botulism germs which have not been subjected to this intense heat that these germs grow and form deadly poison.

Non-acid fruits, vegetables, flesh foods and some acid foods furnish growth material to the germ. Portions of acid or pickled home-canned foods that extend out of the liquid in which they are packed are also potentially dangerous. All such food should be boiled steadily for 15 minutes prior to eating and should not even be tasted before heating. Alteration in odor should especially put one on guard.

Botulism has been known to develop ten days after its victim has partaken of contaminated food although its incubation period is generally only a few hours. Symptoms include blurred and double vision, diarrhea, thick speech and difficulty in swallowing.

An antitoxin or serum is available for immediate treatment. Time is the important factor and a few hours delay may be fatal. For those who have eaten the food but have not developed symptoms, smaller doses of the antitoxin should be given. In all instances, the local health officer is to be notified in order that laboratory tests may be made, adequate treatment instituted and any other victims from the same source located.

SEA BASS AND BARRACUDA

Sport fishing boats brought in fair catches of sea bass and barracuda last week from the waters off Los Angeles County. Pier fishermen in this region made several good catches of halibut.

When you are offered the property you want, talked it over with your lenders, and given them the ORIGINAL copy of your discharge, the VA appoints a qualified appraiser to check the property. The VA's Loan Guaranty Division of the Los Angeles Regional Office has available more than one hundred trained, competent real estate appraisers. These men are called upon for the veteran's own protection... to be sure that he is getting a square deal. They will set a price based on the actual value of the property and veterans should not pay one cent MORE than this appraised value. Beware of any dealer in any line who asks you to pay money on the side, and don't become a party to such illegal transactions. The VA has no police powers, but is cooperating fully with state and federal agencies to put a stop to such practices. The veteran can help most by reporting "side" money requests immediately to the local office of the Better Business Bureau.

When a veteran starts the machinery rolling for the purchase of a home, which must be paid for in full within 25 years, he is taking a big step. So heed the advice of the VA... look before you leap.

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